

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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NEW COURT RULES FOR JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS RELEASED; GO INTO EFFECT  
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LANSING, MI, February 6, 2003 – New rules governing cases involving juveniles will go into effect on May 1, 2003, the Michigan Supreme Court has announced.

The revisions are based on proposals submitted by the Family Division Joint Rules Committee, which was appointed by the Supreme Court. The committee is chaired by Hon. Thomas S. Eveland, Chief Judge of Eaton County Circuit Court. Other committee members include:

- Hon. Michael J. Anderegg, Chief Judge, Marquette County Probate Court
- Hon. Patrick J. Brennan, Judge, Oakland County Circuit Court
- Hon. Archie C. Brown, Chief Judge, Washtenaw County Trial Court
- Hon. Patricia N. Conlon, Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Family Division and Kalamazoo County Probate Court
- Hon. Charles D. Corwin, Chief Judge, 28<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court (Wexford and Missaukee counties)
- Hon. Sheila Gibson-Manning, Presiding Judge - Family Division, Wayne County Circuit Court
- Hon. Donald S. Owens, Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals
- Hon. Edward L. Skinner, Chief Judge, Montcalm County Probate Court
- Hon. Susan E. Vandercook, Chief Judge, Jackson County Probate Court
- Bill Bartlam, Deputy Court Administrator, Oakland County Probate Court
- Kelly Beeman, Policy Advisor, Michigan Republican Policy Office
- David Dorr, Chief Hearing Referee, Kent County Circuit Court Family Division
- John Forczak, State Bar of Michigan - Family Law Section, Children's Law Section Liaison
- Robert Nida, Trial Court Administrator, Barry County Trial Court
- Elizabeth A. Sadowski, State Bar of Michigan - Family Law Section; Chair, Court Rules Committee
- Joseph G. Salamone, Oakland County Friend of the Court
- Mark Sherbow, Friend of the Court Referee, Oakland County Circuit Court

- Meri Anne Stowe, State Bar of Michigan - Family Law Section; Chair-Elect, Family Law Council
- Jennifer Zambiasi, Policy Advisor, Michigan State Senate

Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan praised the committee, noting that the revisions “represent years of work. Updating these court rules was an enormous and important undertaking. On behalf of the Court, I thank Judge Eveland and the rest of the committee for their good work.”

The rule amendments are designed to update current rules, which were adopted before the family division of circuit court came into existence in 1998. Juvenile cases were formerly heard in the juvenile division of probate court; those cases are now heard in the circuit court family division.

In addition, the revised rules address changes in state and federal law regarding delinquency cases, child protective proceedings, criminal prosecutions of juveniles as adults, and other matters involving children.

The revised rules regarding juvenile proceedings are located in new subchapter 3.900 of the Michigan Court Rules, replacing subchapter 5.900, which governed procedure in the former juvenile division of probate court. The changes regarding criminal cases involving juveniles are amendments to existing subchapter 6.900 of the Michigan Court Rules. A few rules in other chapters are amended to correct references to the new juvenile rules.

The full text of the revisions may be viewed at:  
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/1998-50-2001-19.pdf>  
 (Please note: This order is 135 pages and 17 MB. Depending on a computer’s connection speed, it may take 5-30 minutes to open this Adobe file.)

The related order may be viewed at:  
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/1998-50-1999-55.pdf>

The Michigan Judicial Institute is preparing a comparison of the old and new rules. When available, that comparison will be posted on the Michigan Supreme Court’s website at  
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt>.

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